

Appl. No. 09/775,321
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Remarks & Arguments

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-22 are pending in the application, and that Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-22 are rejected. By this amendment, Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-22 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claims 23-30 have been added. Thus, Claims 23-30 are pending in the application. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter to the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to because proper legends were missing. Applicants respectively request a more detailed statement as to what "proper legends" constitutes to enable them to make appropriate changes to the drawings.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102 and 103

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being obvious. The rejection has been rendered moot because Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-16 and 18-22 have been canceled.

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Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0085. In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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